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Recommendation No. 42

42. The Committee is concerned about the integrity of American academic institutions and the use of individuals affiliated with such institutions for clandestine purposes. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the CIA amend its internal directives to require that individual academics used for operational purposes by the CIA, together with the President or equivalent official of the relevant academic institutions, be informed of the clandestine CIA relationship.<sup>41</sup>

Although several offices agreed with this recommendation, concern was voiced that individual academics should not be prohibited from aiding their government as private citizens. There was no opposition to the requirement that individual academics should be made aware of their participation in clandestine activity, but as noted by the DDO, it would be unduly restrictive and constitute a possible breach of confidentiality if in all instances the Agency were required to inform the academic institution involved of the relationship between the individual academic and the CIA.

Recommendation No. 43

43. The Committee further recommends that, as soon as possible, the permanent intelligence oversight committee(s) of Congress examine whether further steps are needed to insure the integrity of American academic institutions.

Opinion was split as to whether the intelligence oversight committee should examine the integrity of American academic institutions in light of relationships with the CIA. Inspector General Waller drew attention to the problems raised in consideration of Recommendation 42 above. The DDO stressed that should additional restrictions be considered in this area the DDO should be allowed to present its case for flexibility.

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FINDING:

The Committee finds that the CIA uses American academics for a variety of clandestine purposes. Most of the institutions to which these persons are accredited are unaware that members of their staffs are engaged in clandestine activity, and some individuals who cooperate with the CIA are unaware that they are aiding a clandestine intelligence operation. The Committee recommends that individual academics and responsible persons within their institutions should be informed of their involvement in clandestine activity.

RESPONSE:

I agree that individual academics should be made aware of their participation in clandestine activity. Agency regulations will be issued to reflect this position. It will leave to the individual concerned whether a responsible person within his institution should be informed as I believe this to be a matter of individual conscience.